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TO: Chief, WE; Attn: Chief, WE Info: []

FROM: []

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General: SHAM/OBOPUS

Specific: Political Coordination with VALUABLE

1. The following letter seen by [] during his recent visit has been received from AIRCERT:

"I understand that OBOPUS has recently had occasion to dismiss certain members of the Voice of Free Albania staff in Greece. I am not aware of the exact reasons which led you to your decision, and we were not informed in advance of your plans, but it appears that the dismissals were not unconnected with the situation arising from the reconstruction of the HTNEIGH and have tended to harden [] opposition.

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"Since this reconstruction was mutually agreed at our October Conference, and since all is by no means well with the HTNEIGH as a result of the reorganization, it is obviously incumbent on OBOPUS/VALUABLE to concert very closely in the field on all matters pertaining to the Committee to preserve and strengthen the unity of the Albanian emigration and to ensure that the backers speak with one voice on any particular subject.

"Under these circumstances I should be grateful if you would ensure in future that we are kept fully informed and consulted on steps which you propose to take on the political front, so that we may furnish you with our views and be conversant with the line you wish to adopt. Unless this is done, we may find ourselves mutually out of line with the emigration and present opportunities to those trouble makers whose aim is to sow discord among Albanian patriots."

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2. [] and [] expressed OBOPUS regrets to AIRCERT on this inadvertent lack of prior coordination, therefore, [] will take no further action unless instructed to do so by Headquarters. At the same time, [] pointed out to AIRCERT that the action was consistent with the refusal of the XNMALEDICT to enter the reorganized HTNEIGH and therefore could not expect its adherents to be employed by an activity associated with HTNEIGH.

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